

City of Sammamish Arts Commission – Minutes - Monday, August 18, 2014

Sammamish City Hall, 801 228th Ave SE, Sammamish, Washington

Attendees

Commissioners: Chair Anne Schaefer, Claradell Shedd, Margaret Rosenow, Steve Wright, Barbara Jirsa, Priti Joshi, Ramu Iyer, Kelli Ron

Absent: Lin Garretson

Staff: Joe Guinasso, Director of Financial & Technology Services; Colleen Rupke, Administrative Assistant

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Note Approval of July 14, 2014 Minutes - Commission Meeting Minutes approved via email.

Budget and Financial Report YTD 2014

- 2013 Carry forward \$1,519
- 2013 4Culture Grant \$6,500
- 2014 Budget \$25,800
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2014 TOTAL Budget \$ 40,319

2014 YTD Expenditures \$ 14,088.02

2014 YTD Available Funds \$ 26,230.98

Director of Financial & Technology Services Guinasso indicate there would probably be a \$6500 carry-forward at the end of the year.

Mayor/Deputy Mayor Meeting Update

Chair Schaefer met with Mayor Vance and Deputy Mayor Huckabay to review Arts Commission programming, events and exhibits as part of quarterly meeting status update. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor would like to see more cultural events. Chair Schaefer brought up the subject to see art that is more public. Director of Financial & Technology Services Guinasso reported Public Works Department is ok with art in the roundabouts. Commissioner Rosenow is going to head this up. Planning is required to consider themes and locations. A Garden Committee will be tasked with working on researching and theme ideas.

David Berfield Reception, August 21

Commissioner Jirsa encourages all Arts Commissioners to attend the reception; we are expecting the local paper and 4Culture to be in attendance. Berfield's work will be on exhibit until Sept. 15. The Commons Gallery will remain empty of art until after the Art Fair in October.

Marie Louie Project, September 27

Commissioner Jirsa gave a report regarding the Marie Louie Project. Eleven seasonal round markers are being constructed and will be mounted in the ground at Meadow Brooke Farm in such a way that they can be taken down in the winter. Artist Don Fels, curator and historian Greg Warson and Barbara Jirsa will be conducting a tour on the site Saturday, September 27.

Ladies Musical Club Event, September 14

7:00 at Pine Lake Covenant Church. Chapman Duo will be in concert.

Arts Encounters/Art Fair, October 11 & 12

Working to finalize the program. Reached out to several artists. Working on negotiating fees. Looking for puppetry, poetry, interactive, family-oriented artistry. Commissioners who know of possible artists to help in these venues should contact Commissioner Iyer.

Upcoming 2014 Events

- Commissioner Rosenow working with professional photographer to get photos of city owned artwork.
- September – Seniors making art (Clay and Watercolors)
- Special Arts this Fall – type of class is being formulated
- Commissioner Wright has a theater project in the works “The Best Christmas Pageant Ever” – 17 kids, 10 adults family friendly performance. Commissioner Wright has developed a budget for this project but would like to pursue more “In-kind” work than use of the Arts Commission budget. Commissioner Wright passed out a copy of his proposed budget (the cost if no in-kind contributions came forward). Chair Schaefer asked the Commission if all were on board with having a Christmas show. There were no objections. All were in support. Possible venue Eastlake High School’s Renaissance School. Eight performances, 2 casts. Auditions will be in October. Commission authorized an additional \$3,000 to Commissioner Wright’s budget.
- Community Garden Gate - Commissioner Jirsa reported that they had put out a call for artists. Only one artist responded. The budgeted amount was a hindrance. One artist who makes art from recycled pieces believes he can work within the Commission’s budget. Commissioner Rosenow is asking for an additional \$4,000 for this project. The commission approved the additional funds be taken from the carry-forward.
- Commissioner Shedd passed out a specification sheet for submitting and uploading photographs to the city website and Smug Mug.

2015 Planning

- Commissioner Jirsa reported there would be 4 different exhibits
- Commissioner Garretson has requested 4 Special Arts Sammamish projects
- Simple Measures
- Poetry event
- Youth Writing Event
- Increase or change up the Senior Art classes
- Lego event – may be changed up a bit next year
- Should ACT Theater continue? There was some discussion and it was decided that the Commission might instead invest in Commissioner Wright’s programming
- Chair Schaefer pointed out \$2,000 is spent each year on arts encounters for the Art Fair. It is also labor-intensive for the Commission. Discussion about considering whether to continue.
- Suggestion to consider producing something like “Sammamish’s Got Talent” talent show

Open discussion

Ramu Iyer reported about him and Claradell Shedd’s review of submissions for art in the Comprehensive Plan. Overall, there have been many good submissions. Commissioner Shedd reported that all kinds of art were submitted for review and consideration: photos, poetry, and art. Consideration was given to how these different submittals can be brought together to develop a theme throughout the comprehensive plan. Commissioner Shedd believes that they did not receive enough submittals from which to develop a theme. Director of Finance and Technology Services Guinasso will speak with Emily Arteché about the possibility of soliciting more art and the desire of the Arts Commission to have some kind of a concrete theme.

Time did not allow Commissioner Wright to present his 2015 ideas for theater so he will email out some ideas and there will be further discussions.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM.

Next regular SAC meeting – Monday, September 15, 2014 – 6:30 pm